

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Michael Fogg, and Scott Landry. Matthew Smith was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Joshua Bell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Proclaim May 13 to 19, 2018 as Arbor Week in Farmington

Richard Davis apologized, stating that he had the dates wrong as Arbor Week is not the third week but the third full week of May, which puts the dates at May 20 to 26, 2018. He further stated that he has corrected the Proclamation, which Chairman Bell will sign once the Selectmen have approved it. Mr. Davis introduced Conservation Commission members William Haslam and Patty Cormier. Chairman Haslam spoke, pointing out that Farmington is a Tree City for the 40th consecutive year. He also outlined the Commission’s workday on Saturday, May 26th, and stated that they will be attending the State’s Arbor Week celebration in Bath with recognition for being a Tree City USA. Michael Fogg generated a brief discussion regarding the need to raise public awareness of the Commission’s workday. Mr. Haslam stated that the group will be gathering at the Meetinghouse Park gazebo at 9:00 A.M. to begin the workday activities if anyone is interested in joining them. Those members of the media present agreed to make the information available to the public.

Michael Fogg moved to proclaim May 20 to 26, 2018 as Arbor Week in Farmington; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)

Chairman Joshua Bell and Town Manager Richard Davis signed two originals of the Proclamation and gave one to Conservation Commission Chairman William Haslam.

ITEM 3: To Award the bid for the Municipal Building Generator Installation Electrical Work

Richard Davis reviewed the bid tabulation for this project, with the recommendation that the bid be awarded to Collins and Collins Electric, Inc. of Wilton, Maine.

ITEM 3: To Award the bid for the Municipal Building Generator Installation Electrical Work (Cont.)

Stephan Bunker moved to award the bid for the Municipal Building generator installation electrical work to Collins and Collins Electric, Inc. of Wilton, Maine at the cost of \$18,860.00; Scott Landry seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)**

Richard Davis stated that this generator is one of two that was acquired through LESO, and is ready to go once a possible solenoid problem is resolved.

ITEM 4: To Accept the Recommendation of the Downtown TIF Advisory Committee to Appropriate up to \$100,000 in Downtown TIF funds for sidewalks and Lighting on Front Street

Richard Davis reported on the Committee's discussion of this project and voted recommendation, which is estimated to complete 75-80% of the sidewalks and lighting portions of this project. Mr. Davis reviewed other aspects of this project that will be funded from the Public Works Department Capital Improvement budget, as well as a \$75,000 Maine Department of Environmental Protection grant that will go toward the culvert replacement. Mr. Davis also reviewed the use of Downtown TIF funds, as well as a possible Phase II of the Front Street project. Mr. Davis answered questions of resident and Front Street property owner Jennifer Moore pertaining to the retaining wall and lighting.

Michael Fogg moved to accept the recommendation of the Downtown TIF Advisory Committee to appropriate up to \$100,000 in Downtown TIF funds for sidewalks and lighting on Front Street; Stephan Bunker seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)**

ITEM 5: To Consider the Application of James Shaffer to serve as an Associate Member of the Conservation Commission

Richard Davis reviewed James Shaffer's application to serve as an Associate member of the Conservation Commission.

Stephan Bunker moved to appoint James Shaffer to the Conservation Commission as an Associate member; Scott Landry seconded.

The Selectmen asked that their thanks be passed on to Mr. Shaffer for his willingness to serve on this Commission.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)**

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Scott Landry moved to adjourn at 7:02 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Matthew Smith)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary